

Minutes

Arlington Open Space Committee

Town Hall, First Floor Annex

Meeting Date: May 28, 2015

Approved June 25, 2015

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer, David White, Michele Hassler

Absent: Teresa DeBenedictis, Jane Auger

Guest: David Fields, Planning Dept.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as presented.

Open Space Maps: David Fields returned to demonstrate two options for showing maps, descriptions, and pictures of parks, which can be adapted from the Open Space and Recreation Plan and posted on the Town's website. The members present agreed on one of the options, and David will continue to refine that version. He will add pages and/or links for all the maps and descriptions that exist in the Plan, and they can be edited later as needed to fit the space better. He needs more photos of some of the parks and facilities.

Open Space and Recreation Plan: We received a "conditional approval" letter from Melissa Cryan at the state Division of Conservation Services, who has to approve all open space plans. She itemized 12 issues that need to be addressed. We went through the list and commented on what was requested, and who would need to help gather the information. Several items had to do with state-defined Environmental Justice areas, a new requirement that was not sufficiently described. Ann will contact Ralph Willmer and Renee Guo at VHB to let them know and to get some help if possible. Some other items asked for additional information on the charts in chapter 5 (inventory of open spaces) and chapter 9 (action plan). All of the necessary letters of support have been received.

Ann reported on the draft plan to Town Meeting on May 6, and the April 1 draft has been posted on the website pending corrections to and approval of the final plan.

Printing: Number of copies to be determined, probably only about 30-40 for the Library, some Town offices, etc. Joey will get estimates. Under current rules CDBG money cannot be used.

Town Hall fire alarms sounded at about 8:45, so we had to cut the meeting short. We were not able to discuss future committee projects (after completion of the plan!) or new members.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Prepared by: Ann LeRoyer